FRIENDS

A. Discuss the following questions.

Are you a good friend? Why or why not?

B. Match the words below with the definitions.

1. to catch up
2. to get back in touch/contact
3. to get on well
4. to get to know each other
5. to have a lot in common
6. to hit it off
7. to keep/stay in touch/contact
8. to lose touch/contact
9. to meet
10. to meet up
11. to fall out (with someone)

a) to become familiar with someone's personality
b) to tell each other your latest news
c) to communicate with someone
d) to have a friendly relationship with someone
e) to have many similar interests and opinions
f) to like each other
g) to see and talk to someone
h) to stop talking to someone because you are angry with him or her
i) to spend time with someone by appointment
j) to start communicating with someone after a period of no communication
k) to stop communicating with someone

C. Fill the gaps below with the words from B in the correct form.

1. I first.....him when I was at school.
2. We.....immediately. We enjoyed spending time together from the start.
3. We.....We liked the same music and the same sports.
4. We.....very well. We learned a lot about each other.
5. We.....when I went away to university. I was too busy to email or phone him.
6. We.....after university. I rang him one day because I missed him.
7. We.....because we understand each other.
8. We never.....with each other because we tend to agree with each other on most things.
9. We.....by email and phone. We speak to each other at least once a week.
10. We.....once a month or so. We usually go to pub together then have a pizza.
11. We enjoy.....with each other. It's nice to chat about what's happening in our lives.

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D. Discuss the following questions.

1. Who are your closest friends? What are they like? Describe them.
2. What do you have in common?
3. What do you and your friends usually do together?
4. How often do you meet up?
5. Who is your oldest friend? How long have you known each other?
6. Do you find it easy to make new friends? Why (not)?
7. Who is your newest friend? How did you meet?
8. What qualities are most important to you in a friend? Honesty? A sense of humour? Something else?
9. Have you ever had a pen-pal? Why (not)?
10. Why do some people like having a pen-pal?
11. How do you keep in contact with friends who don't live near you? How difficult is it to stay in touch?
12. Have you ever made friends with someone through the Internet? Have you ever met this person face-to-face? Why (not)?
13. Do you think a man and a woman can be 'just good friends'? Why (not)?
14. What is more important to young people nowadays, friends or family? Which is more important to you, and why?
15. Do you have any friends from a different culture or country than you?
16. Some married people say their husband or wife is also their best friend. Does this sound good to you?
17. Are you and your friends competitive with each other? In which areas do you compete?
18. Is there a maximum number of friends one person can have? How many friends do you think you could have before it became too difficult to keep in touch with them or keep track of their lives?
19. Have you ever helped a friend when they really needed help? What happened?
20. Do you have any friends who are much older or younger than you? Is age important in a friendship?

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